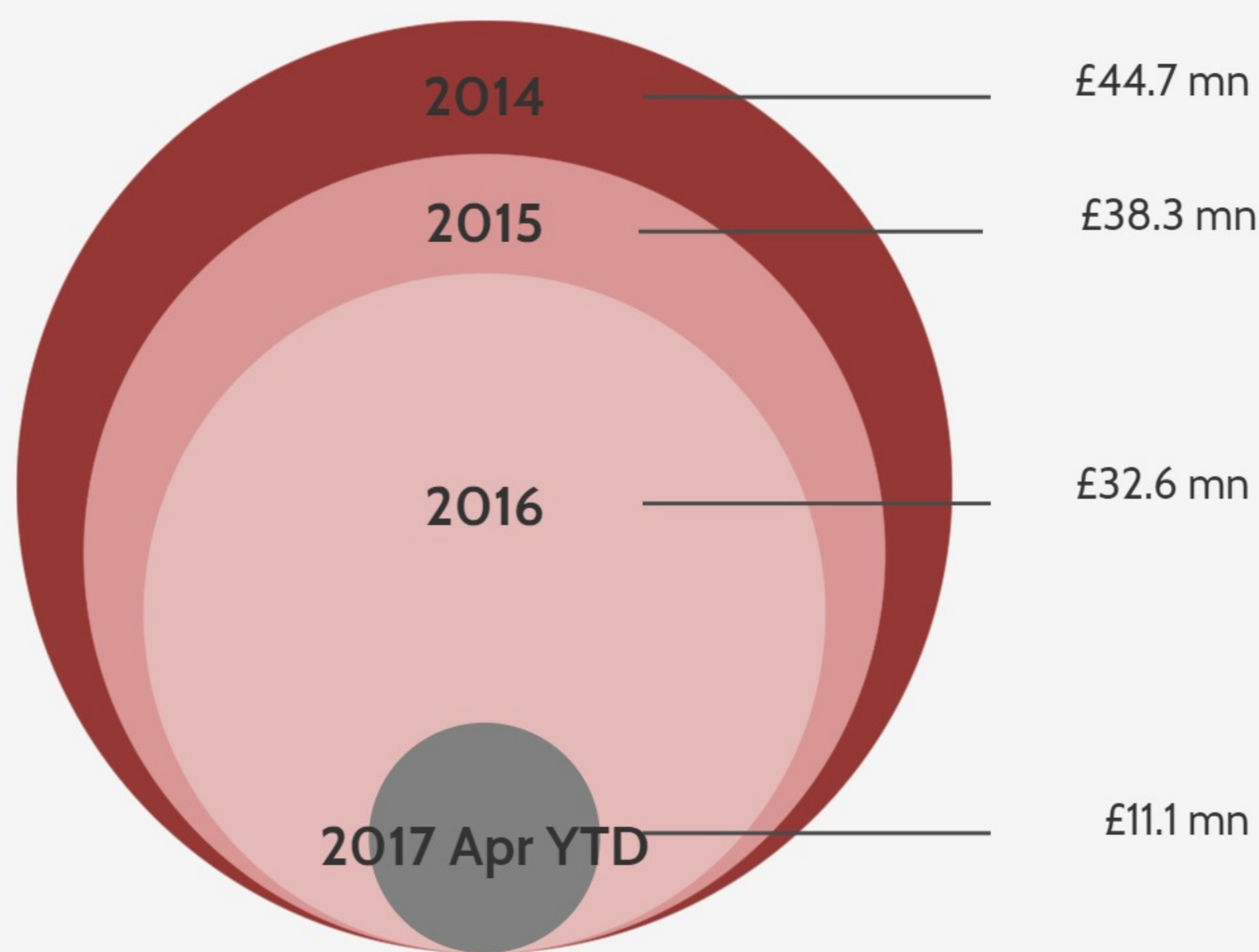


Smoking Cessation Aids

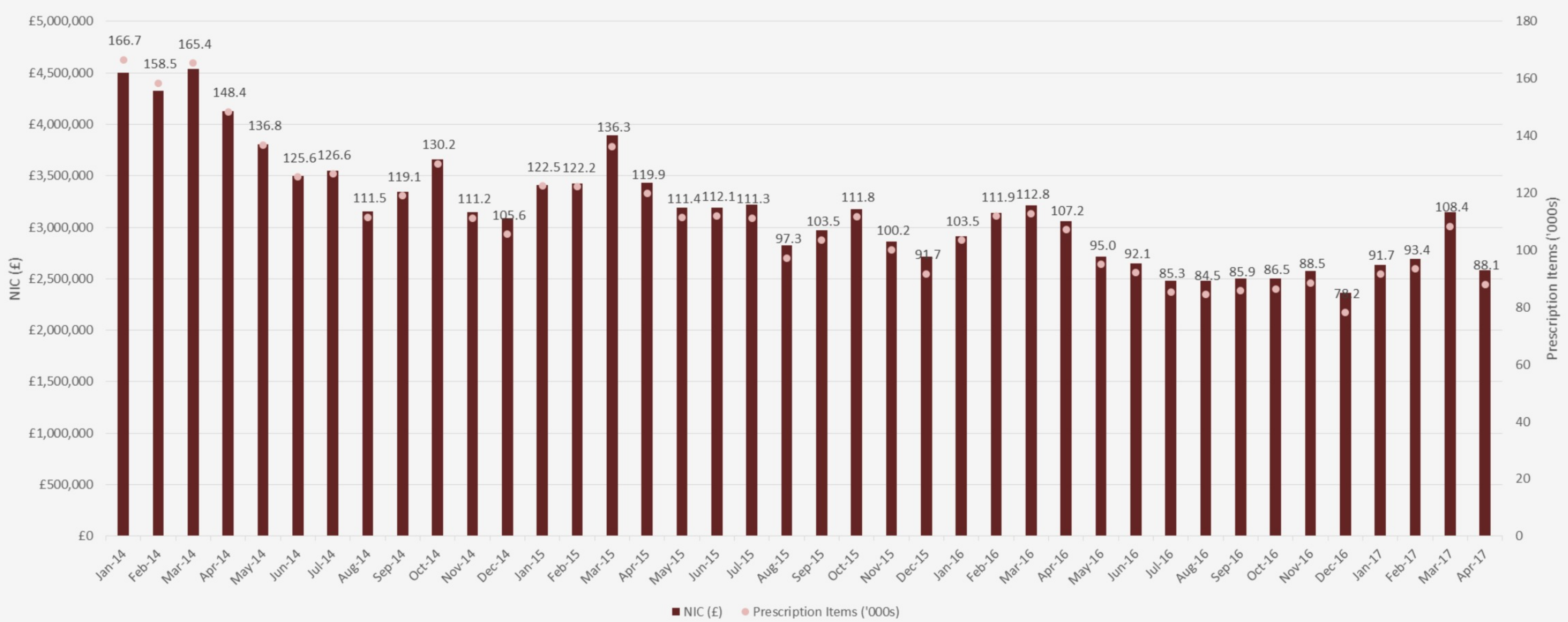


Spend on community prescriptions for smoking cessation aids has been falling in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Between 2014 and 2016, spend has fallen

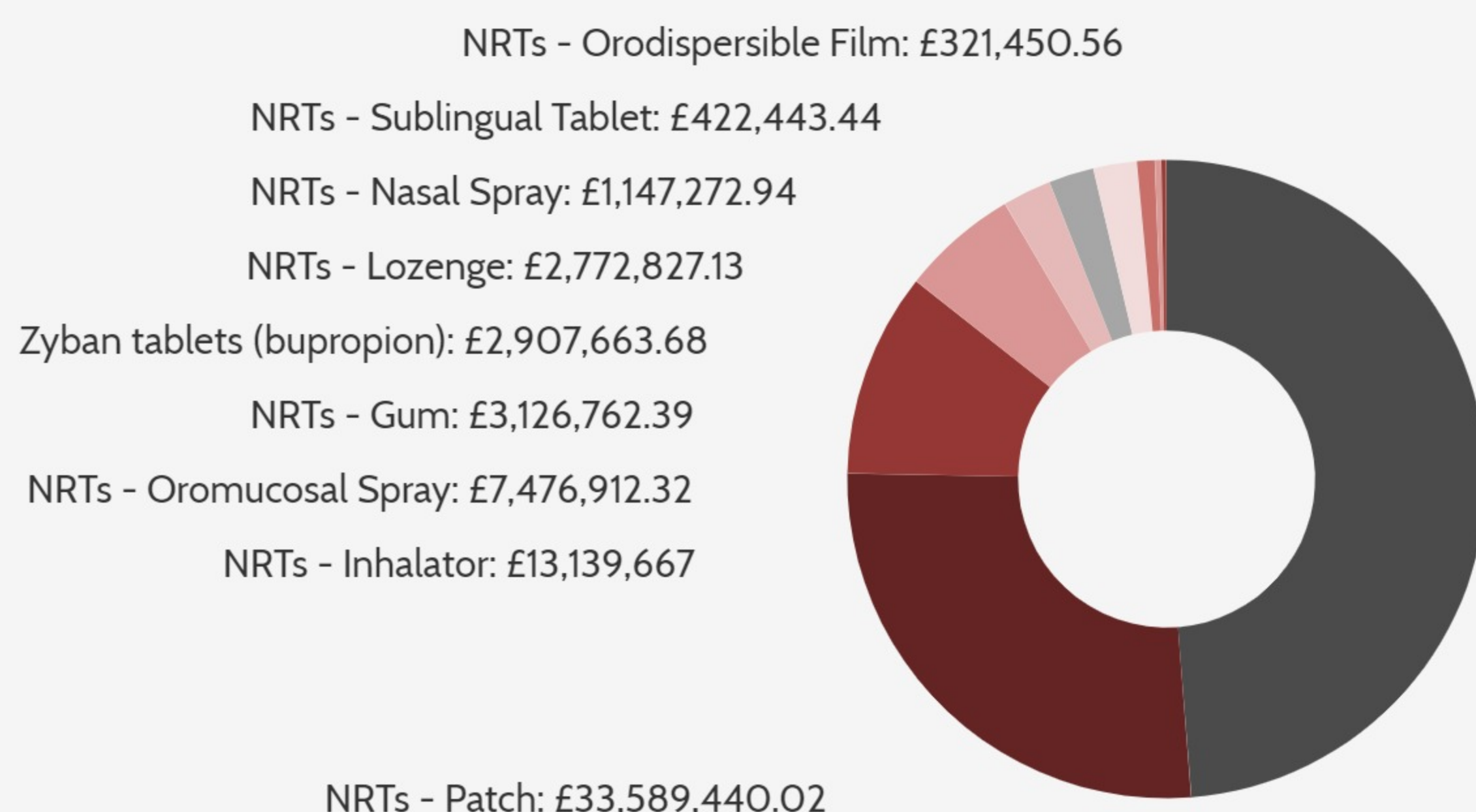
27.1%

Spend (£) and prescription items for smoking cessation aids (tablets and NRTs) dispensed in the community in England, Wales and Northern Ireland



- The number of prescription items for smoking cessation aids has been falling, in line with the spend
- There are generally up-lifts in spend (and prescription items) during January, March and October, in line with times where more people will be encouraged to give up (New Year, Lent and Stoptober)
- The data above only shows prescriptions dispensed in the community and so does not reflect NRTs bought over the counter at pharmacies and supermarkets.
- Electronic cigarettes are also not included in this analysis as they are not available on prescription. The 2016 ASH/YouGovSmokefree Britain Survey, estimates that the number of people using ecigarettes has increased from 2.1mn people in 2014 to 2.8mn in 2016

Break down of spend (£) by type of smoking cessation aid dispensed in the community in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Jan 2014 - Apr 2017)



Champix tablets had the greatest total spend in the period Jan 2014 to April 2017, accounting for 48.8% of spend on smoking cessation aids

Champix tablets (varenicline): £61,808,957.3

Patches had the greatest total spend of NRTs, accounting for 26.5% of total spend and 54.2% of spend on NRTs